

to get it, I pill-boxed it and forgot about it until the following evening, when thinking of releasing it, a further examination revealed it as a fine male *Mythimna vitellina* Hb. (The Delicate).

Five days later on 25th October, at the same time of morning, I found a large white micro flattened out on the perspex top of the m.v. trap in the pouring rain, which I instantly recognised as *Palpita unionalis* Hb. After drying out, I found it to be a female in surprisingly good condition. The last record of this species I know of in VC 60, is of one taken only half a mile away at m.v. light by Mr. S. Coxey about 12 years ago. — J. BRIGGS, Frimley House, Deepdale Close, Slackhead, Beetham, nr. Milnthorpe.

UNUSUAL CROSS-PAIRING IN M.V. TRAP IN 1977. — The night of 6th and 7th July was fairly warm, with minimum night temperature of 14°C. 376 macros of 67 species were counted, including 103 *Agrotis exclamatoris* L. No anaesthetic was used. On the inside wall of the trap was a female *A. exclamatoris* in cop. with a male *Abrostola triplasia* L. (Light Spectacle). On boxing the pair no separation occurred, the *triplasia* was almost exhausted and by the following morning both were dead, still firmly attached. They are now on my setting board in death undivided. — J. BRIGGS, Frimley House, Deepdale Close, Slackhead, Beetham, nr. Milnthorpe.

DEWICK'S PLUSIA (MACDUNNOUGHIA CONFUSA STEPHENS) AND OTHER RARE MIGRANT MOTHS IN WARWICKSHIRE IN 1977. — Among the more notable species recorded were three larvae of the Bedstraw Hawk (*Hyles gallii* Rott.), found by a school-boy on the outskirts of Coventry in the early part of September. There was nothing else much of note until the exceptional migration in late October, when at Charlecote a female Delicate (*Mythimna vitellina* Hb.) turned up in my m.v. trap on the 20th. The following night a female Gem (*Orthonama obstipata* F.) appeared in good condition. At Marton some 15 miles away, the 19th produced for Graham Robson an *M. vitellina*; and on the 24th, a very cold moonlight night, he took a specimen in fine condition of the very rare Dewick's Plusia (*Macdunnoughia confusa* (Steph.)). Another Marton man, Roy Allen, also caught in his moth trap a great rarity, the Silver-striped Hawk (*Hippotion celerio* L.), a male in good condition on the 28th, and on the same date, the Vestal (*Rhodometra sacraria* L. ab. *labda* Cramer). — ANDREW GARDNER, Willows End, 29 Charlecote, Nr. Warwick.

BREEDING PIERIS CHEIRANTHI HBN. (LEP.: PIERIDAE). — On the 10th September, 1977, whilst collecting at Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands, I found some eggs of this butterfly on the underside of a Nasturtium leaf (*Tropaeolum majus*). These eggs were either laid that very morning or on the afternoon of the previous day, as I had a look at the same plants on the morning of the 9th and did not see any.